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1. Miss Goetz, Staff Director of the Disarmament Subcommittee, telephoned to inquire if 2 p.m. on January 30 would be satisfactory for the Agency to brief the Subcommittee. She also stated that she had discussed the [ ] situation with Senator Humphrey, who while willing to go along with it felt we were making a mistake. See Memorandum for the Director.

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2. At the request of Dr. Scoville, I telephoned George Murphy on the Staff of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy to inquire about certain hearings on 13 January on the subject of nuclear weapons [ ]. I indicated to Murphy that we had merely heard this as a rumor but that if the discussions were to involve Russian weapons, this was a CIA responsibility. After checking, Murphy advised that the purpose of the hearings was the effect of a test ban on the U. S. nuclear weapons program. Further, since many technicians were involved, space was at a premium and in any event the Agency would soon be giving its semiannual presentation to the Committee. He mentioned that State Department and Dr. Killian were being asked to testify. All of this was transmitted to Dr. Scoville and no further action will be taken.

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3. Sam Crosby on the Staff of House Appropriations called to inquire if the Agency could give the CIA Subcommittee a briefing at 10 a.m. on 26 January. On inquiring as to the nature of the briefing, he indicated they would like a general briefing on world affairs and they understood we had done some work in the field of defense trends in the Soviet budget. Mr. Crosby was informed I would check into the matter and advise further. Possibly it would be discussed when Mr. Dulles sees Mr. Cannon later in the afternoon. Apparently, Mr. Cannon had telephoned and requested Mr. Dulles to come down at 4 p.m. for a chat.

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